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LUMEN (as amended)

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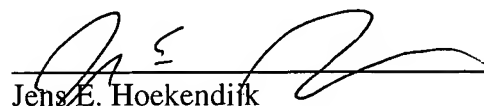
Responsive to the action mailed March 9, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group II, claims 39, 41-48, 62, 69-72 and 74-76, drawn to a method of removing tissue, classified in class 600, subclass 564. This election is made without traverse.

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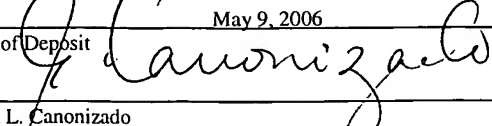
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